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CONSTITUTIONS

AND

General Regulations

OF THE

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

SOVEREIGN GRAND CONSISTORY.



AND

SUPREME COUNCIL, 1807,

FOR THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

ITS

Territories and Dependencies,

AS REVISED AND APPROVED

1762, 1807, 1862, 1883, 1886 and 1893.

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THIRTY-THIRD AND LAST DEGREE

OF THE

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry,

AS ORGANIZED BY

T.: I.: JOSEPH CERNEAU, M.: P.: S.: G.: C.:,

October 27, 1807,

FOR THE

United States of America, Its Territories and Dependencies.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS WHEELER CABLE, 33°

Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, Boston, Mass.

VERY ILLUSTRIOUS GEORGE DAVIS, 33°,

Puissant Lieutenant Grand Commander, Charleston, W. Va.

VERY ILLUSTRIOUS ELIAS H. BARTLEY, M.D., 33°,

Grand Orator and Minister of State, Brooklyn, N. Y.

VERY ILLUSTRIOUS WM. H. SUTTON, 33°,

Grand Secretary General H.: E.:, Brooklyn, N. Y.

VERY ILLUSTRIOUS JOHN H. RUSSELL, 33°,

Grand Treasurer General H.: E.:, New York, N. Y.

VERY ILLUSTRIOUS CORNELIUS H. BENSON, 33°,

Grand Marshal General, Jersey City, N. J.

VERY ILLUSTRIOUS JAMES L. WATSON, 33°,

Grand Master General of Ceremonies, Lexington, Ky.

VERY ILLUSTRIOUS GEORGE R. COFFROTH, 33°,

Grand Standard Bearer, Baltimore, Md.

VERY ILLUSTRIOUS JOHN P. STEFFNER, 33°,

Grand Captain of the Guard, Chattanooga, Tenn.

1893-1894.

Universi Orbis Terrarum Architectonis Magni ad Gloriam.

Deus Meumque Jus.

Ordo Ab Chao.

From the East of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite as Organized by M. Ill. Joseph Cerneau, 33°, in the year 1807, V. E. for the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies, Under the C. C. of the Z. answering to 40 deg. 43 min. N. L. and 74 deg. W. of the Meridian at Greenwich, Grand Orient of New York.

OFFICIAL DECLARATION.

UNION.

CONTENTMENT.

WISDOM.

To all regularly constituted Supreme Councils; to all Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and Last Degree; to all Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, Knights of Kadosch, Ineffable and Sublime Masons of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; to all Free and Accepted Masons of all degrees, over the surface of the two hemispheres,—

GREETING :

Know ye, that the members of the Supreme Council of the Sovereign Grand Consistory of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Thirty-third and Last Degree, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry, for the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies, emphatically assert that they neither have, nor claim power or authority over Symbolic, Capitular, Cryptic, or Templar Masonry ; but do solemnly reiterate the declaration, that the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, by virtue of the power in them vested, through their legal, and direct descent from the Supreme Council and Sovereign Grand Consistory, established by Ill. Joseph Cerneau, 33°, in the City of New York, in the year 1807, Constitutionally claim exclusive Masonic jurisdiction throughout the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies, over the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, to-wit :

FOURTH DEGREE—Secret Master.
FIFTH DEGREE—Perfect Master.
SIXTH DEGREE—Intimate Secretary.
SEVENTH DEGREE—Provost and Judge.
EIGHTH DEGREE—Intendant of the Building.
NINTH DEGREE—Elect of Nine.
TENTH DEGREE—Knight Elect of Fifteen.
ELEVENTH DEGREE—Sublime Knight Elected.
TWELFTH DEGREE—Grand Master Architect.
THIRTEENTH DEGREE—King Solomon's Royal Arch.
FOURTEENTH DEGREE—Grand, Elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason.
FIFTEENTH DEGREE—Knight of the East or Sword.
SIXTEENTH DEGREE—Prince of Jerusalem.
SEVENTEENTH DEGREE—Knight of the East and West.
EIGHTEENTH DEGREE—Sovereign Prince of the Rose Croix.
NINETEENTH DEGREE—Grand Pontiff.
TWENTIETH DEGREE—Master Ad Vitum.
TWENTY FIRST DEGREE—Patriarch Noachite.
TWENTY-SECOND DEGREE—Prince of Libanus.
TWENTY-THIRD DEGREE—Chief of the Tabernacle.
TWENTY-FOURTH DEGREE—Prince of the Tabernacle.
TWENTY-FIFTH DEGREE—Knight of the Brazen Serpent.
TWENTY-SIXTH DEGREE—Prince of Mercy.

OFFICIAL DECLARATION.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DEGREE—Commander of the Temple.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DEGREE—Knight of the Sun.

TWENTY-NINTH DEGREE—Patriarch of the Crusades.

THIRTIETH DEGREE—Grand Elect K——h ; or Knight of the White and Black Eagle.

THIRTY-FIRST DEGREE—Grand INSPECTOR Inquisitor Commander.

THIRTY-SECOND DEGREE—Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

THIRTY-THIRD AND LAST DEGREE (OFFICIAL)—Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

Being pledged to preserve these degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, pure and inviolate, and from all unlawful and spurious intermixture, or associations, we feel constrained, most unequivocally, to renew former declarations, and solemnly denounce as unlawful and unconstitutional, and protest against the acts and pretensions of all other bodies under whatever name or title they may exist, claiming to exercise or control authority over the above-named degrees within the limits of the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies ; we further declare that the Sovereign Grand Consistory and its Supreme Council, and the various bodies under their authority, require no other qualification in candidates for the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, except that they “ Be good men and true,” and have been regularly initiated in the first three degrees of Symbolic Masonry, and are Master Masons in good and regular standing.

We also, recognizing the fact that our Ancient and Sublime Order has always sustained itself in honor and credit, by the wisdom and prudence of its Constitutions ; duly considering the progress of the races, and the advance of Toleration and Civilization, and being mindful of the great principles contained in the Constitutions of 1762, 1807, 1862, 1883 and 1886, deem it advisable, in connection therewith, to make such reformatory alterations as are suitable and fitting to the times in which we live.

Therefore, after mature deliberation, we hereby ordain, establish and decree the following as

THE
Grand Constitutions
AND
GENERAL REGULATIONS

FOR THE

Government and Control of all the Bodies of the Ancient and
Accepted Scottish Rite of the Thirty-third and Last Degree,
and of those Subordinate Thereto in the United
States of America, Its Territories and Depen-
dencies, and that the Same Shall be Pro-
mulgated to All and Everybody
Under Our Obedience.



Most Ill.: WHEELER CABLE,

M.. P.. Sov.. Grand Commander.



ATTEST :



Very Ill.: WM. H. SUTTON, 33°,

Grand Sec.. Gen.. H.. E.. and K.. O.. S.. & A..

In Exchange for
F. W. Putnam
9 Ap '00

CONSTITUTION.

TITLE I.

ARTICLE I.

The government of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies, is vested in the Sovereign Grand Consistory and its Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Thirty-third and Last Degree.

ARTICLE II.

The Sovereign Grand Consistory is composed of its Officers, Members Emeriti, and each Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree, while he remains a member in good standing of a Subordinate Consistory under its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE III.

The Supreme Council is composed of the nine elective officers of the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE IV.

The members Emeriti of the Sovereign Grand Consistory are: First—All Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Thirty-third Degree, who have heretofore been declared members Emeriti of the Supreme Council. Second—All members of the Supreme Council, who, having faithfully performed their duties as such, during the term for which they were elected, and shall by a two-thirds vote of the Sovereign Grand Consistory be declared entitled to that honor.

ARTICLE V.

A Subordinate Consistory is composed of twenty-seven or more Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, Thirty-second Degree, congregating and working in pursuance and by virtue of a Charter held under the authority of the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

TITLE II.

SOVEREIGN GRAND CONSISTORY.

ARTICLE I.

The powers of the Sovereign Grand Consistory are : executive, legislative, and judicial. The exercise of these powers is defined in the Constitution and General Regulations, which it has the right to frame and adopt at its own convenience, and to alter, amend, add to or repeal, at its pleasure, under the limitations therein imposed ; and are final and conclusive upon all parties concerned, until altered or reversed by the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of the Sovereign Grand Consistory shall be styled and take rank as follows :

1. The Most Illustrious Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.
2. The Very Illustrious Puissant Lieutenant Grand Commander.
3. The Very Illustrious Grand Orator and Minister of State.
4. The Very Illustrious Grand Chancellor, Grand Secretary General of the Holy Empire, and Keeper of the Seals and Archives.
5. The Very Illustrious Grand Treasurer General of the Holy Empire.
6. The Very Illustrious Grand Marshal General.
7. The Very Illustrious Grand Master General of Ceremonies.
8. The Very Illustrious Grand Standard Bearer.
9. The Very Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard.
10. The Illustrious Grand Seneschal.
11. The Illustrious Grand Sentinel.

ARTICLE III.

The first nine officers shall be elected by ballot for a term of three years, as follows :

The Grand Marshal General, Grand Standard Bearer and Grand Captain of the Guard, at the annual Rendezvous in 1887.

The Puissant Lieutenant Grand Commander, Grand Orator and Minister of State, and Grand Secretary General H.: E.:, at the annual Rendezvous in 1888.

The Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer General H.: E.:, and Grand Master General of Ceremonies, at the annual Rendezvous in 1889.

At each subsequent annual Rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, there shall be elected by ballot three officers for a term of three years, in place of those whose terms of office expire at such date.

ARTICLE IV.

The Grand Seneschal and Grand Sentinel shall be appointed by the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander at the time of his installation, to serve during his will and pleasure.

ARTICLE V.

The legislative powers of the Sovereign Grand Consistory extend to every case of legislation not delegated or reserved to subordinate bodies.

ARTICLE VI.

The Sovereign Grand Consistory shall hold a stated rendezvous annually. In case of great emergency the Supreme Council, by the affirmative vote of five of its members, may order a special rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, but no business shall be transacted at such special rendezvous except that for which it was called, and every member shall receive at least fifteen days' notice of the same.

ARTICLE VII.

The annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory may be held in any city within the United States which may have been selected at the previous rendezvous.

ARTICLE VIII.

Every Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree, being a member in good standing of a Subordinate Consistory under this jurisdiction, is a member of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, entitled to all rights and privileges therein, and shall be so declared at his making.

ARTICLE IX.

No one shall be a member of the Sovereign Grand Consistory unless he shall have attained the grade of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree.

ARTICLE X.

The Board of Trustees of the Sovereign Grand Consistory shall be composed of five members, the first three of whom shall be the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, the Puissant Lieutenant Grand Commander and the Grand Orator and Minister of State; the other two shall be members of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, who hold no other official position therein, and who shall be elected by ballot annually. All surplus funds belonging to the Sovereign Grand Consistory shall be placed in the custody of this Board of Trustees, and by them, under the direction of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, securely invested. At each annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory there shall also be placed in the custody of the Board of Trustees a duplicate copy of the registry, records and proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Consistory and its Supreme Council, appertaining to the transactions of the preceding year. The Board of Trustees shall also have in custody all books, documents, etc., belonging to the Sovereign Grand Consistory and its Supreme Council, and not needed by the officers in the daily routine of business. It shall be the duty of the Board, under direction of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, to cause all books, documents, registry, records and proceedings as above referred to, to be safely deposited in the vault or vaults of some safe deposit company, and the same shall be so deposited that they cannot be removed except in the presence of a majority of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XI.

The Sovereign Grand Consistory has original jurisdiction over all controversies which may arise between Subordinate Consistories or individual members of different Subordinate Consistories ; it also has original jurisdiction over all controversies between Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, thirty-third degree ; also, unaffiliated Scottish Rite Masons who have subscribed to its oath of fealty. The appellate judicial powers of the Sovereign Grand Consistory embrace all matters of controversy and discipline over which it has or has not original jurisdiction. In all cases of controversy or discipline, the party aggrieved at the decision of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, is entitled to a final appeal to the Supreme Council.

ARTICLE XII.

A Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree, can be tried only by his peers ; and all charges against him for un-masonic conduct must be preferred to the Supreme Council. On receipt of such charges the Sovereign Grand Commander shall, as soon as convenient, call a meeting of the Supreme Council, when the charges shall be thoroughly examined, and if the Supreme Council, by a majority vote, decides that said charges are well founded and ought to be further investigated, the Sovereign Grand Commander shall thereupon suspend the accused from the exercise of all official duties. He shall also immediately appoint a commission composed of three Sovereign Grand Inspectors General. The accused may object to either or all of such commissioners, giving his reasons therefor, and the Supreme Council shall approve of such original appointments, or substitute others in place of such commissioners. The commission shall thereupon appoint a time and place convenient to the accuser and accused, giving each, at least, thirty days notice, and shall summon them and such witnesses as either party may request. At the appointed time the commission shall meet and take evidence as to the guilt or innocence of the accused, giving both accuser and accused ample opportunity to be represented by counsel, who must be a Sovereign Grand Inspector

General. After all the evidence has been heard, the commission shall meet and determine its conclusions thereon and report the same, with such recommendations as it may deem necessary, to the Sovereign Grand Commander, who shall cause said report to be presented to the Sovereign Grand Consistory at the first rendezvous thereafter. The Sovereign Grand Consistory, having permitted both accuser and accused to appear before it and plead, either in person or by counsel, shall, by a two-thirds vote, decide as to the guilt or innocence of the accused ; and, if he be found guilty, inflict the penalty which shall be definite or indefinite suspension or expulsion. If the commission or the Sovereign Grand Consistory shall determine the accused to be innocent of the alleged offense, the Sovereign Grand Commander shall immediately issue his proclamation relieving the accused from the previously imposed suspension. If the accused be found guilty of the offense he shall have the right to appeal to the Supreme Council, as provided for in Article XI. of Title II., and in the General Regulations.

ARTICLE XIII.

Every Subordinate Consistory shall be represented in the Sovereign Grand Consistory by its Commander-in-Chief, who, in addition to his vote as a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree, shall be entitled to cast one vote for each fifty, or major portion of fifty members exceeding the first fifty, whose names shall appear upon the rolls of his Subordinate Consistory, at its annual rendezvous next preceding a rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE XIV.

No member of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, other than its officers or members Emeriti, shall be entitled to vote at an Annual Rendezvous unless all moneys due the Sovereign Grand Consistory by the Subordinate Consistory to which he belongs, shall have been paid.

ARTICLE XV.

SECTION I.—A Commander-in-Chief of a Subordinate Consistory being unable to attend a rendezvous of the Sovereign

Grand Consistory, may appoint a proxy to represent him at such rendezvous.

SECTION 2.—A proxy must be a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree, and a member in good standing of the same Subordinate Consistory as the Commander-in-Chief whom he represents.

SECTION 3.—The appointment of a proxy must be over the signature, and the name of the appointee must be in the handwriting of the Commander-in-Chief entitled to make the appointment, attested by the Grand Secretary, together with the seal of the Subordinate Consistory entitled to be thus represented, and placed in the custody of the Grand Secretary General H. : E. : prior to the opening of the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

SECTION 4.—A proxy thus duly appointed shall have power to cast the votes in the Sovereign Grand Consistory to which the Commander-in-Chief making the appointment would be entitled if he were present.

ARTICLE XVI.

An officer of the Sovereign Grand Consistory is entitled to vote therein ; but during the occupancy of said official position, forfeits the right to vote to which he was entitled by virtue of being a Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

TITLE III.

SUPREME COUNCIL.

ARTICLE I.

The powers of the Supreme Council are executive and judicial.

ARTICLE II.

All the executive powers of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, when not in session, are reposed in the Supreme Council.

ARTICLE III.

The Supreme Council has full power to institute and charter subordinate bodies, to confer all the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish rite, subject to the restrictions hereinafter mentioned, upon such Master Masons as may be deemed worthy in foreign countries where no Supreme Council or Sovereign Grand Consistory exists, or in states or territories of the United States ; to enter into fraternal relations with such other masonic bodies as it may deem necessary for the benefit of the rite, and to draw upon the funds of the Sovereign Grand Consistory for all necessary expenses of the Supreme Council.

ARTICLE IV.

The Supreme Council may delegate the power of conferring degrees to any member of the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE V.

It is the duty of the Supreme Council to see that the Constitution, Edicts and General Regulations are faithfully complied with ; that the ancient landmarks and usages of the Fraternity are not infringed, and that the best exertions are put forth for the advancement of the interests of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

ARTICLE VI.

The Supreme Council is the final court of appeal in all controversies which may arise between Subordinate Consistories or individual members of Subordinate Consistories

ARTICLE VII.

The Supreme Council shall meet at least once in every three months.

ARTICLE VIII.

Five members of the Supreme Council, the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, the Puissant Lieutenant Grand Commander, or the Illustrious Grand Orator and Minister of State, being one of the number, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX.

The Sovereign Grand Commander may call special meetings of the Supreme Council whenever he deems it necessary, and shall do so upon the written request of five members of the Supreme Council.

ARTICLE X.

At the first meeting of the Supreme Council after each annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander shall select three members of the Supreme Council to act as a finance committee, whose duty shall be to audit all bills, accounts, etc., presented to the Supreme Council, and no bill shall be paid unless endorsed by a majority of the members of said committee.

ARTICLE XI.

Every member of the Supreme Council shall receive at least ten days' notice of every regular meeting.

ARTICLE XII.

All official correspondence relative to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite must be through the Supreme Council under the direction of the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, and by the Grand Secretary General.

ARTICLE XIII.

In the deliberations of the Supreme Council each member has one vote only.

ARTICLE XIV.

All matters which shall come before the Supreme Council shall be decided by a majority vote, with the exception, as hereinafter provided for in Article I. of Title IV., and also, that when an aggrieved party appeals from the decision of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, such decision can be revoked only by the unanimous consent of the nine members of the Supreme Council. Such reversal shall not be valid unless it is made in writing, signed by each individual member of the Supreme Council, with the proper seals attached, and deposited in the

archives of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, and a copy of the same duly entered in the book of records of the Supreme Council.

ARTICLE XV.

All decisions made by the Supreme Council are binding upon the subordinates of this jurisdiction, until the same shall be reversed by the Sovereign Grand Consistory in annual rendezvous assembled.

ARTICLE XVI.

It shall be the duty of the Supreme Council to attend to the organization of all subordinate bodies and to see that their several jurisdictions are properly arranged.

ARTICLE XVII.

Should a vacancy occur in the Supreme Council by reason of death, removal beyond this jurisdiction, or from other causes, the Sovereign Grand Commander shall appoint a member of the Sovereign Grand Consistory to fill such vacancy until the next annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, when an election shall be held to fill the office for the balance of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE XVIII.

The Grand Orient of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies, shall be at the vertical point of the Z.°. beneath the C.°. C.°. answering to 40 deg., 43 min., N.°. L.°. and 74 deg. W.°. of the Meridian at Greenwich ; the same being within the limits of the City of New York, from which all balustres, decrees and official documents shall bear date, and in which city all regular meetings of the Supreme Council shall be held.

ARTICLE XIX.

A Sovereign Grand Inspector General, having been elected to and accepted membership in the Supreme Council, shall not thereafter be elected to the office of Commander-in-Chief, First or Second Lieutenant Commander in any subordinate body under

this jurisdiction during his term of office. Should a Commander-in-Chief, First or Second Lieutenant Commander of any subordinate body under this jurisdiction be elected to and accept membership in the Supreme Council he thereby vacates his office in such subordinate body.

TITLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ARTICLE I.

Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.

The Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander is the supreme chief of the rite within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council and Sovereign Grand Consistory. He shall preside over all their regular and special sessions. He may also preside over all masonic assemblies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish rite, which, in his official capacity, he may favor with his presence. He may grant special dispensations, not in violation of the Constitution, upon a written demand either according to a resolution adopted by a subordinate body of this jurisdiction, or in case of urgency by a Commander-in-Chief of a Subordinate Consistory. Such demand shall be deposited in the archives. All decisions made by the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, when the Supreme Council is not in session, are binding upon the subordinates of this jurisdiction until the same shall be reversed by the Supreme Council or Sovereign Grand Consistory.

He shall report to the Supreme Council at each meeting all of the business transacted by him during its recess and submit the same for its approval.

He shall have power to appoint from the members of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, subject to the restrictions hereinafter named, Active Sovereign Grand Inspectors General to represent him and the Supreme Council in states and territories of the

United States. It shall also be his duty by and with the approval of the Supreme Council to appoint suitable brethren to represent this jurisdiction in such bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish rite, located in foreign countries, with whom the Supreme Council shall decide to exchange fraternal relations.

Should any member of the Supreme Council refuse or neglect to perform the duties of his office, it shall be the duty of the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander to prefer charges to the Supreme Council against such officer; and, if the charges be sustained by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Supreme Council, each member having been served with a copy of the charges, and the delinquent member having been afforded ample opportunity to defend himself, the Sovereign Grand Commander shall suspend such member of the Supreme Council from the further performance of his duties, and appoint a member of the Sovereign Grand Consistory to act in his stead until the next annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, when the charges shall be preferred to the Sovereign Grand Consistory, and, if sustained by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote, such officer shall be declared impeached, his office vacant and the vacancy filled by election. Should the Sovereign Grand Commander neglect or refuse to perform his duties, charges may be preferred against him to the Supreme Council by any Sovereign Grand Inspector General, thirty-third degree, and should such charges be sustained by the unanimous vote of the balance of the members of the Supreme Council, each member having been served with a copy of the charges and the Sovereign Grand Commander afforded ample opportunity to defend himself, he shall be suspended from the further performance of his duties and the Puissant Lieutenant Grand Commander shall assume the duties and prerogatives of the Sovereign Grand Commander until the next annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, when the charges shall be preferred to the Sovereign Grand Consistory, and, if sustained by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote, he shall be declared impeached, his office vacant, and the vacancy filled by election.

Charges for unmasonic conduct having been preferred against a Commander-in-Chief or acting Commander-in-Chief (other than a Sovereign Grand Inspector General) of a Subordinate Consistory it shall be the duty of the Sovereign Grand Commander to suspend such officer from the further performance of his duties until such charges shall have been disposed of.

ARTICLE II.

Puissant Lieutenant Grand Commander.

In the absence of the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Puissant Lieutenant Grand Commander enjoys and may exercise his rights and prerogatives.

In case of the death of the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Puissant Lieutenant Grand Commander shall act as Sovereign Grand Commander until the next annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, when an election shall be held to elect a Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander for the balance of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE III.

Grand Orator and Minister of State.

It shall be the duty of the Illustrious Grand Orator and Minister of State to see that the Constitution, General Rules and Regulations of the Supreme Council and Sovereign Grand Consistory are faithfully observed by all subordinate bodies, and his opinion in writing shall be obtained on all subjects pertaining thereto, and presented to the Supreme Council before final action is taken. He shall preside at meetings of the Supreme Council in absence of the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander and the Puissant Lieutenant Grand Commander, and in the event of the disability of both Commanders, shall succeed to and perform the duties of Sovereign Grand Commander until the next annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE IV.

Grand Chancellor Grand Secretary General.

The Illustrious Grand Chancellor Grand Secretary General

shall keep the archives of the Supreme Council and of the Sovereign Grand Consistory ; also a register of all the works, deliberations and transactions of each body. It shall be his duty faithfully to transcribe the same in books kept for that purpose.

He shall keep a faithful copy of all letters and communications emanating from the Supreme Council, and attest and seal, as the case may be, every order, mandate or act of each body.

Every diploma, brief or letters patent, lawfully petitioned by any member of this jurisdiction, shall be signed by him and sealed with his private seal.

He shall collect all the revenues due the Sovereign Grand Consistory, and within a reasonable time pay the same to the Illustrious Grand Treasurer General, taking his receipt therefor.

It is also the duty of the Grand Secretary General, in the name and by the order of the Sovereign Grand Consistory and under the direction of the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, to issue all duly authorized Edicts or Mandates and to officially correspond with all masonic bodies, either of this or of any other jurisdiction.

All masonic documents, packages, pamphlets or letters directed to the Supreme Council must be addressed to the Grand Secretary General through the post office or delivered to him personally.

He shall, at each annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, submit in writing a detailed report of all the proceedings and transactions of the Supreme Council during the year, also an account of the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Consistory at the preceding annual rendezvous

He shall enter in a book provided for the purpose, which shall be termed the "Black Book," the names of all who have been suspended or expelled for unmasonic conduct, either by the Sovereign Grand Consistory or bodies subordinate to its jurisdiction ; he shall duly notify each Subordinate Consistory of such suspensions or expulsions immediately after the official decision has been rendered.

He shall keep a correct register of the membership of the Sovereign Grand Consistory and each Subordinate Consistory

under its jurisdiction, specifying the name of each member, name and number of the Subordinate Consistory from which he hails, date of initiation and oath of fealty, of advancement to membership, place of birth, age, when elected, name and number of the Lodge of Ancient Craft Masonry from which he hails, and where located, rank in different masonic bodies, residence and occupation. He shall make a duplicate copy of the registry, records and proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Consistory and its Supreme Council, and at each annual rendezvous deliver to the Sovereign Grand Consistory the minutes and a duplicate copy thereof of the preceding year's business. He shall duly transmit to his successor in office all the books, records, documents, etc., in his possession belonging to the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

He shall duly notify each member of the Sovereign Grand Consistory of every rendezvous at least fifteen days prior thereto.

ARTICLE V.

Grand Treasurer General.

The Illustrious Grand Treasurer General shall receive from the Grand Secretary General, all moneys belonging to the Sovereign Grand Consistory, giving his receipt for the same; and shall not expend or pay out any sums without the authority of the Supreme Council or the Sovereign Grand Consistory, and on warrants signed by the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander and the Grand Secretary General. He shall submit in writing at each annual rendezvous a general and detailed account of all receipts and expenditures.

ARTICLE VI.

Grand Marshal General.

The Illustrious Grand Marshal General shall have charge of the Supreme Council in all processions of the Order.

With the assistance of the Grand Captain of the Guard, and by mandate of the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, he shall conduct the officers of the Sovereign Grand Consistory to their stations of dignity and service, and perform such special duties, in connection with his office, as may be directed by the Grand Commander.

ARTICLE VII.

Grand Master General of Ceremonies.

The Illustrious Grand Master General of Ceremonies shall assist the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander in the ceremonial of the degrees, and accompany the initiate in his mystic travels.

He should be well versed in the rituals of the Order, and shall, upon the application of the proper authorities within this jurisdiction, give to any officer, body or bodies therein such instructions as may be required to render perfect and uniform the exemplification of the different degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

ARTICLE VIII.

Grand Standard Bearer.

The Illustrious Grand Standard Bearer shall be entrusted with the standard of the Order.

ARTICLE IX.

Grand Captain of the Guard.

The Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard shall keep a faithful watch both within and without the Grand Chambers, and see that the portals are duly guarded. He shall report to the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander all messages from without, and transmit the answers. He shall also see that the Grand Chambers are properly prepared and in order for work or for the deliberations of the Supreme Council, and also for the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE X.

The duties of the Grand Seneschal and Grand Sentinel shall be to guard the inner and the outer doors of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, and to perform such other duties as the Sovereign Grand Commander or the Sovereign Grand Consistory may require of them.

TITLE V.

Active Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and Deputy Inspectors of the Work.

ARTICLE I.

In case of a member of the Supreme Council residing in a state or territory other than that in which the Sovereign Grand Commander resides he shall, by virtue of his membership, become the Active Sovereign Grand Inspector General of his state or territory.

ARTICLE II.

Should more than one member of the Supreme Council reside in a State or Territory other than that in which the Sovereign Grand Commander resides the Sovereign Grand Commander shall select one of said members and appoint him as Active Sovereign Grand Inspector General of said State or Territory.

ARTICLE III.

In the State or Territory wherein the Sovereign Grand Commander resides he may appoint from the members of the Sovereign Grand Consistory an Active Sovereign Grand Inspector General or Deputy Inspector to represent him and the Supreme Council in such parts of his State or Territory as he may deem necessary.

ARTICLE IV.

In all the States or Territories not referred to in Articles I., II. and III. of Title V. the Sovereign Grand Commander may appoint Active Sovereign Grand Inspectors General as provided for in Article I. of Title IV.

ARTICLE V.

Active Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, with the exception of such as hold office under the law as provided for in Article I. of Title V., are to serve during the will and pleasure of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

ARTICLE VI.

An Active Sovereign Grand Inspector General is the representative of the Sovereign Grand Commander and Supreme Council, and, under the direction of the Sovereign Grand Commander, shall exercise a proper supervision over all bodies of the rite in his jurisdiction. He shall endeavor to use all honorable means within his power, or of those subordinate to him, for the advancement of the interests of the rite, extension of its influence and increase of its membership within the territory over which he presides. He shall have power, in a great emergency, to grant dispensations for such acts as would be in the power of the Sovereign Grand Commander to grant were he present. He shall, however, immediately after granting such dispensation, duly notify the Sovereign Grand Commander, giving him a full and detailed explanation of all matters pertaining thereto.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of each Active Sovereign Grand Inspector General to visit officially each of the bodies under his authority as often as possible, and to give necessary advice and encouragement, and to correct all irregularities or errors in the work. On such occasions he shall be duly received and acknowledged as the official representative of the Sovereign Grand Commander and Supreme Council.

ARTICLE VIII.

Each Active Sovereign Grand Inspector General shall keep a register of all his acts, and report the same in writing, together with a detailed account of matters pertaining to the rite in his jurisdiction to the Sovereign Grand Commander at least once in every three months, and at each annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory. He shall be responsible to the Supreme Council for the proper and discreet exercise of all his powers, and in all cases shall act in accordance with the directions of the Supreme Council as expressed through the Sovereign Grand Commander.

ARTICLE IX.

Each Active Sovereign Grand Inspector General shall have power to appoint from among the members of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, residing within his jurisdiction, Deputy Inspectors of the work, but such appointments shall not exceed more than one from each county, and shall be subject to the approval of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

ARTICLE X.

It shall be the duty of a Deputy Inspector to carefully supervise the work of the subordinate bodies under his jurisdiction, to use all honorable means within his power, or of those subordinate to him, for the advancement of the interests of the rite, extension of the influence and increase of its membership. He shall keep a correct register of all his acts and of matters pertaining to the rite within his jurisdiction, and at least once in every three months furnish a detailed statement in writing to his superior officer.

ARTICLE XI.

The term of office of a Deputy Inspector shall be during the approval of the Sovereign Grand Commander or the appointing power.

TITLE VI.

REVENUE.

ARTICLE I.

The revenue of the Sovereign Grand Consistory shall be derived from the charges for letters patent of the Thirty-second and Thirty-third Degrees, from a per capita tax on all Subordinate Consistories under this jurisdiction and for all degrees conferred by its subordinates, and from the charge for charters for all subordinate bodies.

ARTICLE II.

Letters Patent

The charges for letters patent of the Thirty-second and Thirty-third Degrees, and for the per capita tax, shall be as hereinafter provided in the General Regulations.

ARTICLE III.

Price of Warrants.

The price for a warrant or charter for a Subordinate Consistory shall be \$270.00 except that in case of the organization of a Subordinate Consistory, the major part of whose charter members hail from a Consistory previously established, the Supreme Council may in its discretion grant a charter for a less sum.

ARTICLE IV.

Each Subordinate Consistory under this jurisdiction shall be taxed \$5.00 for each brother upon whom it shall confer any of the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish rite.

Each Subordinate Consistory shall also pay a per capita tax (as provided for in the General Regulations) for each member whose name shall appear on its roll at the annual rendezvous immediately preceding each annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory ; and each Subordinate Consistory shall make its returns direct to the Grand Secretary General of the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

TITLE VII.**Subordinate Consistory and its Appendant Bodies.**

ARTICLE I.

A Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, Thirty-second Degree, shall consist of, and take rank as follows :

1. The Illustrious Commander-in-Chief.
2. The Illustrious First Lieutenant Commander.
3. The Illustrious Second Lieutenant Commander.
4. The Illustrious Minister of State and Grand Orator.

5. The Illustrious Grand Chancellor.
6. The Illustrious Grand Secretary and Keeper of the Seals and Archives.
7. The Illustrious Grand Treasurer.
8. The Illustrious Grand Master of Ceremonies.
9. The Illustrious Grand Engineer and Architect.
10. The Illustrious Grand Hospitaler.
11. The Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard.
12. The Illustrious Grand Standard Bearer.
13. The Illustrious Grand Sentinel.

and as many members as may be convenient, congregating and working in pursuance and by virtue of a charter held under the authority of the Supreme Council.

ARTICLE II.

The Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, the Illustrious First and Second Lieutenant Commanders, the Illustrious Grand Orator, the Illustrious Grand Secretary, and the Illustrious Grand Treasurer shall be elected by ballot biennially in the month of January.

The other officers may be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, such appointments to be made on or before the night of installation.

ARTICLE III.

There shall exist within each Consistory of Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, Thirty-second Degree, a Chapter of Rose Croix, a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and a Lodge of Perfection.

A Consistory being thus constituted shall have full right and authority in its jurisdiction, over the following degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, viz.:

Lodge of Perfection.—Ineffable Degrees.

4. Secret Master.
5. Perfect Master.
6. Intimate Secretary.
7. Provost and Judge.
8. Intendant of the Building.
9. Elect of Nine.
10. Knight Elect of Fifteen.
11. Sublime Knight Elected.

- 12. Grand Master Architect.
- 13. King Solomon's Royal Arch.
- 14. Grand, Elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason.

Council of Princes of Jerusalem.—Historical Degrees.

- 15. Knight of the East or Sword.
- 16. Prince of Jerusalem.

Rose Croix Chapter.—Philosophical Degrees.

- 17. Knight of the East and West.
- 18. Sovereign Prince of the Rose Croix.

CONSISTORY.

Historical, Philosophical, and Chivalric Degrees.

- 19. Grand Pontiff.
- 20. Master *ad vitam*.
- 21. Patriarch Noachite.
- 22. Prince of Libanus.
- 23. Chief of the Tabernacle.
- 24. Prince of the Tabernacle.
- 25. Knight of the Brazen Serpent.
- 26. Prince of Mercy.
- 27. Commander of the Temple.
- 28. Knight of the Sun.
- 29. Patriarch of the Crusades.
- 30. Grand Elect Knight K——h; or, Knight of the White and Black Eagle.
- 31. Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander.
- 32. Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of a Chapter of Rose Croix shall be styled and take rank as follows :

- 1. Most Wise and Perfect Master.
- 2. Most Excellent and Perfect Knight Senior Warden.
- 3. Most Excellent and Perfect Knight Junior Warden.
- 4. Most Excellent and Perfect Knight Grand Orator.
- 5. Respectable and Perfect Knight Grand Treasurer.
- 6. Respectable and Perfect Knight Grand Secretary.
- 7. Respectable and Perfect Knight Hospitaler.
- 8. Respectable and Perfect Knight Grand Master of Ceremonies.
- 9. Respectable and Perfect Knight Grand Guard of the Tower.
- 10. Respectable Knight Sentinel.

The Most Wise and Perfect Master, and Perfect Knights Senior and Junior Wardens, shall be elected by ballot biennially on the last meeting previous to Holy Thursday. The other officers may be appointed by the Most Wise and Perfect Master, such appointments to be made on or before the night of his installation. The officers of a Chapter of Rose Croix, by the authority of the Consistory to which it is attached, and under the direction of its Commander-in-Chief, shall have power to confer the Degrees of Knight of the East and West, Seventeenth Degree, and Sovereign Prince of Rose Croix, Eighteenth Degree.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of a Council of Princes of Jerusalem shall be styled and take rank as follows :

1. The Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Master.
2. The Grand High Priest, Substitute Deputy.
3. The Most Enlightened Senior Grand Warden.
4. The Most Enlightened Junior Grand Warden.
5. The Valorous Grand Secretary, Keeper of the Seals and Archives.
6. The Valorous Grand Treasurer.
7. The Valorous Grand Master of Ceremonies.
8. The Valorous Grand Master of Entrances.
9. The Grand Tyler.

The Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Master, the Grand High Priest, Substitute Deputy, the Most Enlightened Senior Grand Warden, and the Most Enlightened Junior Grand Warden, shall be elected by ballot biennially in the month of Tebet, and as near to the twentieth day of the month as circumstances will permit. The other officers may be appointed by the Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Master, such appointments to be made on or before the night of his installation. The officers of a Council of Princes of Jerusalem, by the authority of the Consistory to which it is attached, and under the direction of its Commander-in-Chief, shall have power to confer the Degrees of Knight of the East or Sword, Fifteenth Degree, and Prince of Jerusalem, Sixteenth Degree..

ARTICLE VI.

The officers of a Lodge of Perfection shall be styled and take rank as follows :

1. Thrice Potent Grand Master.
2. Hiram of Tyre, Deputy Grand Master.
3. Venerable Senior Grand Warden.
4. Venerable Junior Grand Warden.
5. Grand Orator.
6. Grand Treasurer.
7. Grand Secretary, Keeper of the Seals and Archives.
8. Grand Master of Ceremonies.
9. Grand Captain of the Guard.
10. Grand Hospitable Brother.
11. Grand Tyler.

The Thrice Potent Grand Master, Hiram of Tyre, Deputy Grand Master, the Venerable Senior Grand Warden, and the Venerable Junior Grand Warden, shall be elected by ballot biennially in the month of Adar, and as near to the third day of the month as circumstances will permit. The other officers may be appointed by the Thrice Potent Grand Master. Such appointments must be made on or before the night of his installation.

The officers of a Lodge of Perfection, by the authority of the Consistory to which it is attached, and under the direction of its Commander-in-Chief, shall have power to confer the Degrees of

4. Secret Master.
5. Perfect Master.
6. Intimate Secretary.
7. Provost and Judge.
8. Intendant of the Building.
9. Elect of Nine.
10. Knight Elect of Fifteen.
11. Sublime Knight Elected.
12. Grand Master Architect.
13. Knights of King Solomon's Royal Arch.
14. Grand, Elect, Perfect and Sublime Mason.

ARTICLE VII.

A Subordinate Consistory shall have power to make rules and regulations for its own government not inconsistent with the Con-

stitution, Laws, General Regulations and Edicts of the Supreme Council or Sovereign Grand Consistory. .

At the organization of each new Consistory all rules and regulations must be approved by the Supreme Council before taking effect. Copies of all amendments to the rules and regulations of a Subordinate Consistory must be forwarded to the Grand Secretary General H. . E. . immediately after adoption.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, from the Fourth to the Thirty-second inclusive, shall not be conferred upon any person for a less sum than twenty dollars, except in the organization of a new Consistory, when the charter members may be initiated for a less sum.

ARTICLE IX.

Every Subordinate Consistory under this jurisdiction shall rendezvous at least four times in each year; one of which shall be in the month of January.

ARTICLE X.

Commander-in-Chief.—His Duties.

It shall be the duty of the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief to preside at all meetings of the Consistory, appoint all committees, and be, *ex-officio*, a member of the same. He shall discharge all the duties which are prescribed by the Constitution, Laws and Regulations, Rituals and Usages of the Order.

ARTICLE XI.

Special Meetings.

Special meetings may be called by the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief at any time he may deem necessary.

ARTICLE XII.

In the absence of the Commander-in-Chief, the First Lieutenant Commander shall assume the duties of Commander-in-Chief, and, in the absence of both the Commander-in-Chief and

the First Lieutenant Commander, the duties of the office devolve upon the Second Lieutenant Commander.

ARTICLE XIII.

All officers of a Consistory, and its appendant bodies, shall be installed on or before the first rendezvous after the election.

ARTICLE XIV.

Officers Who Cannot Resign.

The Commander-in-Chief, the First and Second Lieutenant Commanders of a Consistory, having been duly elected and installed, cannot resign from such office during the term for which they have been elected.

ARTICLE XV.

Vacancies.—How Filled.

Should a vacancy occur in either of the aforementioned offices by reason of death, expulsion, suspension, permanent removal beyond the jurisdiction, or otherwise, the next highest officer shall perform the duties of the officer whose power has thus been arrested, until the next annual rendezvous of the Consistory, when the vacancy shall be filled by election.

ARTICLE XVI.

Should a vacancy occur in any other elective office of a Consistory, or of its appendant bodies, an election to fill such vacancy shall be held at the first stated rendezvous thereafter, provided that each member shall be notified at least ten days previous to such election.

ARTICLE XVII.

Thirty-second Degree Members entitled to a Patent.

Every brother after being advanced to the grade of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, Thirty-second Degree, shall be entitled to receive a patent duly signed and sealed, the price of which shall be as hereinafter provided in the General Regulations.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Patent.—How Signed.

Every patent of the Thirty-second Degree shall be signed by the members of the Supreme Council, and bear the Seals of the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander and of the Grand Secretary General.

ARTICLE XIX.

Quorum.

Nine members of a Consistory shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, the Commander-in-Chief or one of the Lieutenant Commanders being one of the number.

ARTICLE XX.

A Subordinate Consistory shall have full power to hear and determine all matters of difference between its members ; to punish by reprimand, suspension or expulsion, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, at a stated rendezvous, every member having been notified of the nature of the business to be brought before it.

ARTICLE XXI.

Appeal.—How, and to whom Made.

Any Sublime Prince having been reprimanded, suspended or expelled by his Consistory, and being aggrieved at such action, may appeal to the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE XXII.

Money Returns.

Each Subordinate Consistory shall make returns of all moneys due the Sovereign Grand Consistory once in every three months ; the per capita tax shall be paid annually before the rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE XXIII.

The Grand Secretary and Keeper of the Seals and Archives of each Subordinate Consistory under this jurisdiction shall keep

a correct registry of its membership and of each initiate, specifying date of initiation and oath of fealty, of advancement to membership, place of birth, age, when elected, name and number of the lodge of Ancient Craft Masonry from which he hails, and where located, rank in different masonic bodies, residence and occupation ; also the names of those who have been admitted by affiliation, or who have dimitted, or been dropped from the roll, suspended or expelled, or who have died ; he shall make a full and complete report of the same, together with the number of members whose names shall appear upon the roll of his consistory at each annual rendezvous ; he shall also once in every three months report the number of brethren who have been initiated in the rite, and the names and date of advancement of all who have been exalted to the grade of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, thirty-second degree, in his consistory, during the preceding three months. He shall forward the reports to the Grand Secretary General H. . E. . ; the annual report, together with the amount due for per capita tax, must be forwarded at least thirty days prior to each annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory. The quarterly reports must be accompanied with the amount due for initiations and forwarded immediately after the expiration of each three months. The Grand Secretary shall enter in a book provided for the purpose, which shall be termed the " Black Book," the names of all who have been suspended or expelled for unmasonic conduct, either by his own or a sister Consistory, or by the Sovereign Grand Consistory, as soon as he receives official notice of the same.

It shall be his duty to report to the Grand Secretary General H. . E. . the names of all who may be suspended or expelled for unmasonic conduct as soon as the official decision has been rendered. It shall also be the duty of the Grand Secretary of each Consistory to report to the Grand Secretary General H. . E. . immediately after each election, the names and rank of the officers of his consistory and appendant bodies, together with the dates of their installation and by whom installed.

TITLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

ARTICLE I.

Any portion of this Constitution may be amended; but such amendment must be offered in writing by a member of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, who shall furnish a copy thereof to the Grand Secretary General, at least ninety days prior to an annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory. The Grand Secretary General shall within sixty days send a printed copy of all such proposed amendments to the Secretary of each Subordinate Consistory, and to each Sovereign Grand Inspector General in good standing under our Obedience. If the proposed amendment receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote, it shall then be referred to the Supreme Council for its approval.

ARTICLE II.

On the receipt of a proposed amendment from the Sovereign Grand Consistory, the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander shall, as soon as possible, call a meeting of the Supreme Council, when, if the proposed amendment meet with the approval of five members of that body, it shall be declared adopted, and the Sovereign Grand Commander shall cause the same to be promulgated to all bodies under this jurisdiction.

Should such proposed amendment fail to meet with the approval of five members of the Supreme Council, the Grand Secretary General H. . E. . shall notify each member of the Sovereign Grand Consistory at least thirty days prior to its next annual rendezvous; such notification shall be accompanied with a copy of the objections to the proposed amendment, offered by the Supreme Council. The rejected proposed amendment shall again be presented for consideration, to the Sovereign Grand Consistory at such annual rendezvous, and if it again receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote, it shall, notwithstanding the disapproval of the Supreme Council,

be declared adopted, and the Sovereign Grand Commander shall cause the same to be promulgated to all bodies under the jurisdiction.

ARTICLE III.

Decision, when Rendered.

The decision of the Supreme Council upon a proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be rendered within ninety days after its adoption by the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE IV.

Amendments of the General Regulations.

The General Regulations may be amended at any annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

TITLE IX.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

Thirty-third Degree.

ARTICLE I.

The grade of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree, shall not be conferred except in presence of the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander or some other member of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, duly commissioned by the Supreme Council or Sovereign Grand Commander to take charge of the work.

ARTICLE II.

The fee for the Thirty-third Degree shall be fifty dollars.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1.—Every Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret who has been elected to and installed in the office of Commander-in-Chief of a Consistory, shall be entitled to be exalted to the grade of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree, and without fee.

SECTION 2.—The Supreme Council has power to confer the Thirty-third Degree upon the Commander-in-Chief and one other Sublime Prince in each new Consistory when instituted.

ARTICLE IV.

The Supreme Council shall have power, by the unanimous consent of its members, given in writing over their own signatures, to confer upon one or more Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, Thirty-second Degree, the grade of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree, provided however that such applicant shall pay the necessary fee and shall not have previously made application to a subordinate body for the grade.

ARTICLE V.

Each Subordinate Consistory under this jurisdiction, at each annual rendezvous, shall be entitled to select, by a majority vote, one of its members for each twenty-five Brethren advanced to the grade of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, Thirty-second Degree, during the preceding year, whom it shall recommend to the Sovereign Grand Consistory to be exalted to the grade of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree. Should a Consistory fail to exalt the necessary number, or exalt in excess of the required twenty-five, in any one year, the number exalted in the former case, and the fractional excess in the latter shall be accounted for in the succeeding year.

ARTICLE VI.

Each applicant for the grade of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree, recommended by a Subordinate Consistory, shall be balloted for at an annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, and if the application be approved by a two-third vote of the members present, the application shall be referred to the Supreme Council for final action ; when, if confirmed by five members of the Supreme Council, the applicant shall be declared elected, and shall be invested with the rank of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree.

ARTICLE VII.

All recommendations, endorsements, or elections for the grade of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree, either by a Subordinate Consistory, the Sovereign Grand Consistory, or its Supreme Council, must be by secret ballot.

TITLE X.

TRIALS AND APPEALS.

ARTICLE I.

In all matters of controversy which may arise between Subordinate Consistories, or individual members of different Subordinate Consistories, and charges having been preferred to the Sovereign Grand Consistory, the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander shall appoint a commission of not more than five or less than three disinterested Brethren, hailing from at least three different Consistories, to hear and determine the same.

ARTICLE II.

After service of the charges against the accused, the commission shall appoint a time and place convenient to the parties and summon them and such witnesses as either party may request.

ARTICLE III.

When the trial has been concluded, the Commissioners shall, as soon as possible, make their report of the facts found by them, and their determination upon the matter, and give notice thereof to each of the parties concerned; they shall also file a report, together with all the papers, etc., connected with the case, with the Grand Secretary General H. . E. . who shall immediately report the same to the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander.

ARTICLE IV.

In all cases of Masonic trial under the authority of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, a majority of the Commissioners having concurred in the judgment of the commission, their decision

shall be final unless an appeal be taken therefrom within six months after the decision has been rendered. A brother having preferred charges against another for un-Masonic conduct, or the brother against whom such charges have been preferred being aggrieved at the decision thereon, either by a Subordinate Consistory, by a Commission appointed under the authority of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, or at the decision of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, and in either case desiring to appeal therefrom, must within thirty days after receiving official notice of such decision give due notice in writing to the Grand Secretary of the body to whom he appeals, as well as to the presiding officer and Secretary of the body from whose decision the appeal is made. He shall then, within the time prescribed in the first clause of this Article, duly serve the Grand Secretary of the body to whom he appeals with a copy of his appeal, stating therein in full his grounds therefor. The Grand Secretary of the body to whom the appeal is made after the body has decided upon the time and place for the discussion, shall duly notify the appellant as well as the parties appealed from, giving each at least thirty days' notice. On the trial of the appeal the discussion shall be confined exclusively to the merits of the case, as shown by the official documents previously presented in the original trial. In all cases of Masonic trials or appeals, both the accused and the accuser in the former, and the appellant and party appealed from in the latter instance, shall be entitled to be represented by counsel, who must be a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite not lower in rank, as to degrees, than the accused or appellant.

ARTICLE V.

When charges are preferred in a Subordinate Consistory the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint a commission, consisting of not less than three or more than five disinterested members of the Consistory, to take testimony in the case and report the same to the Consistory for its judgment. The decision of the Consistory shall be final, unless an appeal be taken therefrom to the Sovereign Grand Consistory, in the same manner as laid down in Article IV.

ARTICLE VI.

Trials, by Whom Conducted.

In all cases of Masonic trials in a Subordinate Consistory the prosecution shall be in charge of the Grand Chancellor, unless he be an interested party ; in such case, the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint a Brother to act in his stead. The accused shall be entitled to be represented by counsel, but such counsel must be a Scottish Rite Mason not lower in rank than the Thirty-second Degree.

ARTICLE VII.

Expense of Trial.

The strictly necessary expenses of commissions for the trial of cases referred to them shall be paid by the Consistory, or one or all the parties litigant, as the Commissioners may determine, and, in the case of individuals, be charged and collected as dues.

TITLE XI.**Members of the Supreme Council Cannot Receive Salaries-----Assistant Grand Officers.**

ARTICLE I.

A member of the Supreme Council shall not be allowed to receive a salary from the funds of the Sovereign Grand Consistory for the performance of the duties of his office.

ARTICLE II.

At each annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory the Supreme Council shall elect, by a majority vote, an Assistant Grand Secretary and a Deputy Grand Master of Ceremonies.

ARTICLE III.

It shall be the duty of the Assistant Grand Secretary, under the direction of the Grand Secretary General H. : E. :, to attend

to all of the clerical labors appertaining to his office. It shall also be his duty to be present at the office of the Grand Secretary General H. : E. : during office hours.

ARTICLE IV.

When the Grand Master General of Ceremonies finds it inconvenient to attend to duties requiring his presence at points distant from his home, it shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master of Ceremonies, under the direction of the M. : P. : Sovereign Grand Commander, to attend to such duties. It shall also be his duty, when not otherwise engaged in the service of the Rite, to be present at the office of the Grand Secretary General during office hours.

ARTICLE V.

For the faithful performance of their duties, the Assistant Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master of Ceremonies shall receive such compensation as may be determined upon by the Supreme Council.

ARTICLE VI.

Should the Assistant Grand Secretary or Deputy Grand Master of Ceremonies refuse or neglect to perform their several duties, charges may be preferred against them to the Supreme Council by any member of the Rite. After a careful and impartial hearing, the accused being duly notified and having had ample opportunity to defend himself, and each member of the Supreme Council having been made fully acquainted with all the facts in the case ; the Supreme Council, by the affirmative vote of six of its members, may declare the office of the accused vacant, and elect another to serve during the balance of the term.

ARTICLE VII.

No one shall be eligible to fill the office of Assistant Grand Secretary or Deputy Grand Master of Ceremonies, except he is a member of the Sov. : Grand Consistory.

ARTICLE VIII.

The office of the Grand Secretary General H. : E. : shall be

opened daily, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, during such hours as may be determined upon by the Supreme Council.

TITLE XII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ARTICLE I.

Rendezvous, when Held.

The annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory shall be convened on the 24th day of June, except when the same shall fall upon Saturday or Sunday, in which case it shall be convened on the following Monday.

ARTICLE II.

Charge for Patents.

The charge for letters patent shall be five dollars for the Thirty-third Degree and three dollars for the Thirty-second Degree.

ARTICLE III.

Per Capita Tax.

The per capita tax shall be fifty cents for each member whose name shall appear upon the rolls of Consistories under this jurisdiction, at each annual rendezvous.

ARTICLE IV.

Signature to Oath of Fealty.

The Commander-in-Chief of every Consistory under this jurisdiction shall require of each candidate, as soon as he shall have received one of the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, an oath of fealty to this jurisdiction, and to which he shall attach his signature, in a book provided especially for the purpose.

ARTICLE V.

Applications Must Lie Over.

Every candidate for degrees in bodies under this jurisdiction

must be proposed at a stated rendezvous, and the petition referred to a committee for investigation, who shall report at a subsequent rendezvous, when the candidate shall be balloted for. A committee of investigation on the petition of a candidate shall not be allowed to report favorably until they can properly avouch for him as being a Master Mason in good standing.

ARTICLE VI.

Rituals.

All rituals of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite used by any one under this jurisdiction shall emanate from the Supreme Council, attested by the seal thereof, with the certificate of the Illustrious Grand Secretary General.

ARTICLE VII.

Subordinate Bodies, How Opened.

Every Subordinate Body under this jurisdiction shall open and close its works according to the following formula: "To the Glory of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, in the name and under the authority of the Sovereign Grand Consistory and its Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, as organized by the Ill.°. Bro.°. Joseph Cerneau in the City of New York, in the year 1807, for the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies, and now presided over by the Most Illustrious ———(here use the name of the Sov.°. Gd.°. Com.°.) as Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, I declare (here mention the name of the body) opened (or closed as the case may be).

ARTICLE VIII.

The initiation of candidates in the several degrees under the authority of a Subordinate Consistory, or admission to membership therein, shall be by unanimous consent expressed by secret ballot.

ARTICLE IX.

Every Chapter of Rose Croix is recommended to meet on Holy Thursday (the Paschal Feast), Easter Sunday, Pentecost

Day, All Saints' Day, and the two feasts of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

ARTICLE X.

If any Subordinate Consistory be temporarily interdicted or dissolved, the Commander-in-Chief shall forthwith deposit its charter, rituals (whether in manuscript or print), statutes, documents, records, rules, regulations, property and all papers appertaining to the Body, with the Inspector of the District, if there be one, or with the Supreme Council; and the same shall be safely deposited in the archives thereof.

ARTICLE XI.

The Grand Secretary General H. : E. : shall duly notify each Subordinate Consistory of the Organization of each new Consistory, giving the name and number of the Consistory, where located, place and time of meeting, names of the officers and the post-office address of the Commander and Grand Secretary. He shall also notify each newly organized Consistory and furnish it with similar information relative to all Subordinate Consistories under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE XII.

The Sovereign Grand Commander, at least thirty days prior to each annual rendezvous of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, shall appoint a committee of three members of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, who shall carefully examine the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer Generals H. : E. : and report thereon in writing at the annual rendezvous.

ARTICLE XIII.

A member of a Subordinate Consistory having signed a petition for the organization of a new Consistory, the same having been granted and the new Consistory duly instituted, such Brother's membership in the older Consistory shall cease as soon as he shall have paid all his indebtedness thereto and duly notified the older Consistory in writing, over his own signature, through its Grand Secretary, of his action. In all cases of this

kind the amount of indebtedness of the Brother proposing to affiliate with the new Consistory, shall be computed to the date of the institution of such new Consistory. The Grand Secretary of the older Consistory having received a notice of this kind, shall read the same to his Consistory at its first regular rendezvous thereafter ; whereupon the Commander-in-Chief, having definitely ascertained that the Brother has fully complied with all of the requirements of the Constitution and General Regulations, shall immediately declare a dimit granted and order the Grand Secretary to forward the same to the new Consistory.

ARTICLE XIV.

A Brother desiring to dimit from a Subordinate Consistory must pay all of his indebtedness thereto and make due application in writing, over his own signature, at a regular rendezvous of his Consistory. The Grand Secretary on receipt of such application shall read the same to the Consistory, whereupon the Commander-in-Chief, having definitely ascertained that the Brother has fully complied with all of the requirements of the Constitution and General Regulations, shall immediately declare the dimit granted and order the Grand Secretary to forward the same to the applicant.

ARTICLE XV.

SECTION 1.—Authority for obtaining names for the organization of a new Consistory shall be issued only by the Grand Secretary General H. : E. : , and then only by the authority of a written order from the Sovereign Grand Commander, who shall forward to the Grand Secretary General the name, address, and Masonic rank of the Brother to whom authority is to be given, also by whom recommended, together with all the evidence he may have as to the responsibility and character of the applicant for said authority. The Grand Secretary General H. : E. : , before issuing such authority, shall duly record, in a book especially provided for the purpose, all of the above facts, together with the date under which the authority is issued.

SECTION 2.—In each instance when authority, as above referred to, has been issued, the Grand Secretary General H. : E. :

shall duly notify the Subordinate Consistory, located in the same State or Territory, nearest to the proposed location of the new Consistory.

ARTICLE XVI.

A Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Thirty-third Degree, upon visiting any of the bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and being clothed with the insignia of his high grade, shall be invited by the presiding officer to a seat in the Orient.

ARTICLE XVII.

In newly organized Consistories the term of office of the first set of officers shall expire one year from the month of January next succeeding the date of instituting

The term of office of the first set of officers of the appendant bodies of such Consistories shall expire on the Constitutional Jewish dates occurring nearest to the month of January in the same year in which the term of the officers of the Consistory to to which they are attached expires.

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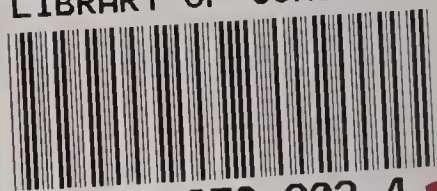
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